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NEWSLETTER

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BOTTLED WATER



WE OFTEN LAUGH WHEN WE THINK ABOUT THE FACT THAT MOST OF US PAY FOR BOTTLED WATER. NOT THAT MANY YEARS AGO NO ONE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT YOU COULD SELL WATER IN CLEAR PLASTIC CONTAINERS AND MAKE MONEY. ALL OF US WERE USED TO DRINKING CITY OR WELL WATER THAT WAS MORE OR LESS FREE.

ACTUALLY OUR WATER WAS NEVER REALLY FREE. MOST OF US HAVE A WATER BILL FROM THE WATER COMPANY THAT COVERS THE WATER WE USE FOR DRINKING, COOKING AND CLEANING. IN ADDITION MANY RENT OR PURCHASE A WATER SOFTENER TO IMPROVE THE CONDITION OF THE WATER THEY ALREADY BUY ONCE. THEN SOME ADD FAUCET FILTERS OR PURIFYING SYSTEMS TO THEIR HOMES AND THEREBY INCUR ANOTHER EXPENSE. AT OUR HOUSE WE BUY WATER TREATED BY REVERSE OSMOSIS FROM FREY WATER IN NEW PALESTINE IN FIVE GALLON JUGS AND PUT THEM ONTO OUR OWN WATER COOLER THAT WE BOUGHT FROM LOWES. THEN TOO WE PAY TO FILTER THE WATER THAT COMES FROM OUR REFRIGERATOR WATER DISPENSER. AND WHO DOESN'T BUY THOSE CLEAR 16 OZ. BOTTLES OF WATER OR OTHER INSULATED WATER BOTTLES TO CONVENIENTLY CARRY YOUR WATER TO WORK OR TO YOUR WORKOUT?

SO, WE CAN CONCLUDE THAT WE PAY FOR WATER IN MANY WAYS.

INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH PAYING FOR WATER WAS ASSOCIATED WITH AN ELEMENT OF GOD'S JUDGMENT DURING JEREMIAH'S TIMES. WE READ IN LAMENTATIONS 5:4 "WE HAVE TO PAY FOR OUR DRINKING WATER, OUR WOOD COMES TO US AT A PRICE." THE WATER AND WOOD USED TO PREPARE FOOD AND PROVIDING FOR ONE'S SUSTENANCE HAD COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THEM. FOR JEREMIAH THIS WAS UNUSUAL, ODD, TERRIBLE! IN LAMENTATIONS 5:1 HE PRAYS "REMEMBER, O LORD, WHAT HAS BEFALLEN US; LOOK, AND SEE OUR REPROACH." IT WAS A REPROACH FOR GOD'S PEOPLE TO BE IN THIS TERRIBLE CONDITION.

SO, WHAT'S MY POINT?

WE THINK NOTHING OF PAYING FOR WATER. IT'S JUST PART OF WHAT WE DO, WE'RE USED TO IT. I WONDER IF WE EVER THINK OF BEING UNDER GOD'S JUDGMENT, OR DO WE JUST GET USED TO THAT AS WELL? LIKE ISRAEL WE CAN BECOME CALLOUSED TO THE GODLESSNESS AROUND US AND ALLOW IT TO BEGIN INFLUENCING US.

NEXT TIME YOU PAY YOUR WATER BILL, USE YOUR REFRIGERATOR WATER DISPENSER OR DRINK WATER FROM A CLEAR, PREPACKAGED BOTTLE, THINK ABOUT JEREMIAH'S LAMENT. MIGHT WE TOO SORROW BECAUSE OF THE SINFUL CONDITIONS AROUND US.

LOOKING UP!
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